Amendments to the Claims:

1 (previously presented): A tangible computer-readable medium, comprising:

a first component for interpreting a word-processor document stored as an XML file; and

a second component for placing at least one marker within the word-processor document indicating at least one type of error selected from a grammar error and a spelling error; wherein the marker is a first tag is placed before the error and that identifies the type of error; and wherein the first tag is an empty element tag that does not include content.

2 (original): The computer-readable medium of Claim 1, further comprising a third component for placing a proof state within the word-processor document.

3 (previously presented): The computer-readable medium of Claim 1, wherein the second component for placing the at least one marker within the word-processor document further comprises placing a second tag after the error that identifies the type of error; wherein the second tag is an empty element tag that does not include content.

4 (previously presented): The computer-readable medium of Claim 3, wherein placing the first tag and the second tag within the word-processor document further comprises identifying the first tag as a grammar start tag and identifying the second tag as a grammar end tag when the type of error is the grammar error and identifying the first tag as a spelling start tag and identifying the second tag as a spelling end tag when the type of error is the spelling error.

5 (original): The computer-readable medium of Claim 2, wherein the third component for placing the proof state within the word-processor document, further comprises indicating when the word-processor document is in a clean state.

6 (original): The computer-readable medium of Claim 2, wherein the third component for placing the proof state within the word-processor document, further comprises placing a spelling proof state property.

7 (original): The computer-readable medium of Claim 2, wherein the third component for placing the proof state within the word-processor document, further comprises placing a grammar proof state property.

8 (previously presented): A method for indicating errors within a word-processor document, comprising:

interpreting a word-processor document stored as an XML file;

placing a first marker within the word-processor document indicating a start of at least one error selected from a grammar error and a spelling error; wherein the first marker is a first tag that does not contain content; and

placing a second marker within the word-processor document indicating an end of the at least one error selected from the grammar error and the spelling error; wherein the second marker is a second tag that does not contain content.

9 (original): The method of Claim 8, further comprising placing a proof state within the word-processor document.

10 (previously presented): The method of Claim 9, wherein placing the first marker and the second marker within the word-processor document, further comprises identifying the first tag as a grammar start tag and the second tag as a grammar end tag when the error is a grammar error.

11 (previously presented): The method of Claim 9, wherein placing the first marker and the second marker within the word-processor document, further comprises identifying the first tag as a spelling start tag and the second tag as a spelling end tag when the error is a spelling error.

12 (original): The method of Claim 9, wherein placing the proof state within the word-processor document, further comprises indicating when the word-processor document is in a clean state and a dirty state.

13 (original): The method of Claim 12, wherein placing the proof state within the word-processor document, further comprises placing a spelling proof state property.

14 (original): The method of Claim 13, wherein placing the proof state within the word-processor document, further comprises placing a grammar proof state property.

15 (previously presented): A system for indicating errors within a word-processor document, comprising:

a processor; and a memory, the memory being allocated for a plurality of computer-executable instructions which are loaded into the memory for execution by the processor, the computer-executable instructions performing steps comprising: a markup language file output by a word processor that includes a first marker and a second marker indicating a start and an end of at least one error selected from a grammar error and a spelling error; wherein the first marker is a single tag that does not contain content and does not overlap the error and does not overlap other elements within the markup language file and wherein the second marker is a single tag that does not contain content and does not overlap the error and does not overlap other elements within the markup language file; and

a validation engine configured to validate the markup language file; and

an application configured to read a markup language file created in accordance with a schema.

16 (previously presented): The system of Claim 15, wherein the markup language file is an XML file.

17 (previously presented): The system of Claim 16, wherein the markup language file further comprises a proof state.

18 (previously presented): The system of Claim 16, wherein the first marker and the second marker identify a grammar error.

19 (previously presented): The system of Claim 16, wherein the first marker and the second marker identify a spelling error.

20 (original): The system of Claim 17, wherein the proof state, further comprises a clean state and a dirty state.

21 (original): The system of Claim 20, wherein the proof state further comprises a spelling proof state property and a grammar proof state property.